--- 3 Cigars - “Series of 1897” - 282 x 11 mm - 1897-1908 ---

--- *recess printed* in BLUE ink - imperforate plate proof - scanned at 60% scale ---

--- [with the 23 mm. imprint “AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA” **] ---**

The catalogue would list the recess printed three cigar “Series of 1897” blue strip as follows:

RG-434 PP - 3 cigars, the blue plate proof mounted on thin cardboard

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--- the black die proof RG-396 DP ---

★**RG-386 DP** - 3 cigars, the black die proof [CANADA-F-57] on thick horizontal mesh wove,
the design measures 282 x 11 mm. without counting the imprint

Unfortunately, at some time in the past, these 1897 die proofs were trimmed as shown above by a person unknown. The longer proofs, in the larger denominations, were trimmed, and then cut into two sections.

From the ABN New York Archive Sale of 1990

★**RG-434 PP** - 3 Cigars, blue, plate proof pair mounted on thin cardboard

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